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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate, instances good. Supplies ranged sufficient to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock offerings were mixed, but mostly sufficient for a quiet to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the fair to usually moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail sales ranged light to instances good, best for areas with feature activity. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with lighter weights in the longest position.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-70	61-67	LARGE	42-51	46
LARGE	59-69	60-63	MEDIUM	21-25	23
MEDIUM	35-45	37-40	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment entering the week was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged about adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for about normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were adequate to at least adequate for the fair to mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	72-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was slightly mixed, ranging light to at times good, best in areas with feature activity. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate with lighter weights the most available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
MEDIUM	43.5-52	45-48

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to occasionally good. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for the moderate demand. Spent hens were sufficient for the fair to usually moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71.25-79	73-76
LARGE	68.25-77	71-74
MEDIUM	40.5-46	41-45

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Extra large, large and medium prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	51-55

MIDWEST EGGS	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-76	69-73
LARGE	66-75	67-69
MEDIUM	42-51	45-47

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WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 10% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 11% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 61.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	81

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	179-229	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 23, 2005 will increase by 13 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 16, 2005 were 227,361 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	189,847	37,514	227,361

% change from the

prior week.....	+4	0	+3
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	41-43	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-31	27-29
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
19-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13.75	12.99
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
19-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.25
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.4	12.4	5.1	11.6	53.5
	Change	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.5	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.7	45.2	9.9	26.7	143.5
	Change	-0.6	8.9	0.5	-0.9	9%
Large	Curr Wk	48.6	150.2	66.8	89.7	454.6
	Change	9.2	20.2	12.5	-9.2	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	71.3	13.9	33.0	161.8
	Change	-0.5	-2.0	0.4	-1.4	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	5.5	9.2	2.2	5.4	27.5
	Change	0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-3.8	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	29.7	11.9	13.6	64.7
	Change	-0.1	-5.1	1.7	-1.8	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.2	40.9	18.4	35.2	136.7
	Change	-2.6	-0.8	1.5	13.1	14%
Total	Curr Wk	124.8	358.9	128.2	215.2	1042.3
Percent	Change	5%	6%	15%	-2%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1042.3	6%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	235.0	-7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1277.3	3%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 05, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 05, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							10.25		FUTURE LOADS							1.25		TOTAL LOADS							11.50	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	52.00	—	53.00	54.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00										
GL W XL	—	—	62.00	63.50	53.15	54.00	4.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	70.00	—	—	1.00	1.00										
GL W LG	—	—	60.00	62.00	54.75	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	2.00										
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																			
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75																			
NRBS - 48	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/12/05-09/16/05

CURRENT LOADS								65.50	FUTURE LOADS								87.00	TOTAL LOADS								152.50						
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW												
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS
GNR W 1	52.25	—		52.17	54.30	—		51.00				21.00	GNR W 1	—	57.00	—	—	—	67.00	—	—	10.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	76.50	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	38.00		—	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	76.50	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	68.57	—	69.75	—	69.19	—	12.50	
GL W J	—	—		73.00	74.75	60.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	68.57	—	69.75	—	69.19	—	12.50	GL W LG	—	62.06	—	70.38	—	—	—	20.75		
GL W XL	—	68.00		65.11	66.23	55.85	57.33	—	—	—	—	44.00	GL W LG	—	62.06	—	70.38	—	—	—	20.75	GL W MD	33.67	35.00	—	39.00	—	38.00	—	7.75		
GL W LG	—	64.00		58.56	62.00	55.83	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	GL W MD	33.67	35.00	—	39.00	—	38.00	—	7.75	GL BR LG	59.75	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	1.00		
GL W MD	37.00	—		34.83	36.00	27.00	30.00	—	—	—	—	6.75	GL BR LG	59.75	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL W SM	19.75	22.25		17.38	19.71	18.00	19.50	—	—	—	—	9.75	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	—	17.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL BR XL	—	69.00		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	17.00	—	—	—	—	1.00												
GL BR LG	—	69.00		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50																				
NRBS - 48	35.00	—		—	—	44.58	43.00	—	—	—	—	44.00																				
NRBS - 45	—	—		35.00	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																				
NRBS - 39	—	25.00		—	—	23.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	6.00																				
NRBS - 36	—	—		—	—	—	29.75	—	—	—	—	8.00																				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/12/05	09/05/05	09/13/04
PACIFIC COAST	199	194	176
LOS ANGELES	194	194	136

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is slightly higher on small, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate to good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	88.63
LARGE	87.63
MEDIUM	58.63
SMALL	35.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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